this expedition, and one of the British machines was forced to make a land-

temperatures—conditions which are Freatly alding the Austro-Germans in their operations, the shifting of troops and the forwarding of supplies.

Military Supplies, Fuel Shortage and

the Railway Situation.

Washington, Dec. 25 .- Congressional

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expected to consume most of

tary policy, is not expected to appear before the committee for some time.

will not be held until after the presi

problems after the return of congres

No Christmas Celebrations-No Fra

ternizing With Germans.

FAIR AND COLD ON

flicted many casualties.

POPE RECEIVED MEMBERS

Renew His Recommendations for In-

cessant Prayers for Peace.

dent delivers an address on railroad

BRITISH BATTLE FRONT.

Investigation of the fuel shortage will

TO BE RESUMED TODAY

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES

**POPULATION 29,919** 

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# INTERNAL STRIFE IS **SPREADING IN RUSSIA**

Negotiations Between the Bolsheviki and the Central **Powers Are Not Progressing Smoothly** 

THE BOLSHEVIKI ARE SAID TO BE INCENSED

Because the Germans Have Refused Permission to Some of Their Socialist Leaders to Go to Stockholm for Another Inter-Socialistic Discussion - Increased Artillery Activity in the Region of Verdun by Germans is Keeping the French Busy-The Italians Announce They Have Recaptured the Positions They Recently Lost on the Asiago Plateau.

Civil war in Russia seems to be Numerous fires were started in this spreading. The negotiations between the Bolsheviki and the central powers combats with German airplanes in apparently are not proceeding smoothly. Time gained by the Germans in the negotiations would mean so much more time for the shifting of troops, time for the shifting of troops. In Italy the battle is still raging on the Piave front. The Italians announce that they have recaptured, de-

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possible. Germans have refused to some The Germans have refused to some of their socialist leaders permission to go to Stockholm on another intersocialistic discussion. The Boishestiki are reported to be incensed over this decision and, in the opinion of the Boisheviki leaders, the German official delegation should go to Stockholm instead.

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Increased cannonading in the region of Verdun, especially around
Douaumont, the Chaume Wood and
the Caurieres Wood, which a year ago
were the theatres of some of the ere the theatres of some of the cates apparently the intention of the Germans to keep the French forces in valley and the mountainous region to the north. The menace to Venice seems, however, to have been removed for the time being.

The Associated Press correspondent at Italian headquarters in northern Italy reports most unusual weather conditions in this war theatre, with little snow and exceedingly mild temperatures—conditions which are this sector well occupied or might even mean a renewed effort to break through at this vital point. The allies, however, are evidently making ready for any untoward event and have taken the initiative in other directions. A British air squadron has successfully bombarded the city

of Mannseim, the great Rhine com-mercial center and one of the most important bases for the revictualling of the Germans on the western front. LUFBERY'S HOME TOWN SENDS HIM MESSAGE Wallingford Proud of Ace of the La-

fayette Escadrille. Wallingford, Court, Dec. 25.—An extression of pride and good wishes of his home town was expressed in a cablegram sent today from here to Major Raoul Luthery, ace of the Lafayette escadrille, lighting for France. message reads:

"In behalf of the people of the boreason. Hoping that the war may soon end with the right of each man and each nation to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness secure through the heroic effort of yourself and the other brave men who are fighting our other brave men who are fighting our battle, may God bless and protect you is the wish of your townspeople and of all the people in the United States. "JOHN E. MARTIN.

certificates and \$600,000 worth of thrift stamps, coording to figures received from Washington today by Frederick Chicago banks I. e taken 749 00 mittee, which hopes to complete its work before congress reassembles. war spylngs certify tes and Philadel-phia 673,280. New York is third. In the sale of thrift stamps New York is leading every in city 926 795 having been dist used while Cleveland is second with 257,000 and Boston third with 319,000.

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DINNER RESULTED FATALLY

Tony Verrine Killed by His Daughter's Suitor in Rochester, N. Y.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 25.—In a dispute that arose after a Christmas dinner early this evening Tony Verrino shot and instantly killed Gaetano Tuiane at whose house he had dined. In half an hour after the crime had been committer Detective Captain Whaley, who had been notified of the dispute before the shooting occurred, had captured the murderer after a long chage Turane objected to Verrino's insist-nce in paying attentions to his daugh-

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT

NORTH ADAMS, MASS Luigi Bertano of Springfield Killed by

North Adams. Mass. Dec. 25.—Luigi
Bertano of Springfield was shot and killed at the home of his brother-inlaw, John Donofrio, here today. Donofrio disappeared after the shooting. According to the police Bertano's wife and children have been living with her brother for two years and when Bertano arrived for a Christmas visit he was taken to task for his al-leged fallure to support his family, and the shooting followed.

Fire at Bowie Race Track.

Powie, Ald, Dec. 25.-A fire, the second to visit the Bowie race track since its construction, destroyed Stable A of 48 stalls at 6.30 o'clock togisht. There was no loss of life or thoroughbood horses. The total loss German propagandist and sympathiz-er, has been deported to Manila at the request of the Chinese govern-

Trans-Siberian Railway Severed. Peking, Dec. 25 .- The trans-Siberian railway has been severed near Irkutsk in eastern Siberia, where the Bolsheviki have destroyed the locomolive sheds and workshops. Heavy fighting, between Bolshevik forces and supporters of the original revolutionary party is occurring in many places in Siberia.

AMERICAN MAIL CARRIER

KILLED BY MEXICANS. Two Mexican Passengers Are Said to Have Been Shot.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 25,-Michey Welch, an American driver of a mail stage, was hanged and his throat cut early today by Mexicans who crossed the line, raided the border town Candelaria, and held up the mail stage.
After killing the driver, the raiders looted the mail sacks. The body of Welch was taken to Valentine, Tex., looted the mail sacks. The body of Welch was taken to Valentine, Tex., according to a telegram received here

onight. Two Mexican passengers in the mail tage were reported to have been stage

United States cavalry, Texas Ran-gers and United States postoffice in-spectors are on the trail of the bandits. who were believed to have doubled back to Mexico. Cavalry detachments were despatched from Valentine, Marfa and other outpost points.

The raiders, believed to be

of Chico Cano's band of cattle thieves, prossed the Rio Grande at Sunrise, near Candelaria, 18 miles southeast of Valentine, Tex. They raided the store of L. C. Brite, a wealthy merchant and rancher in the Big Bend district, taking supplies and driving off valuable saddle stock. The raiders, all mounted, then swept

in a semi-circle northwest from Can-delaria, overtaking the automobile mail coach, which was leaving Candelaria for Valentine to bring back the Christmas mail. Welch was fired upon as he attempted to escape. He was overtaken, or-dered from the stage and hanged, ac-

cording to the report received here. Del Rosso.

True to their tactics, the Austro-Germans will probably direct another and greater thrust at a different point, as would appear from the shifting of large forces to the Franzela valley and the mountainous region to the prosth. TO HAVE NATION-WIDE WAR EMERGENCY FOOD SURVEY

Schedules Mailed to Every Food Dealer and Manufacturer.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Plans for making the nation-wide war emergency food survey are well under way, the bureau of markets announced today, schedules having been mailed to every food dealer, manufacturer and holder of supplies in more than family

ots.

The survey, ordered at the last session of congress, will cover more than 100 different foods and returns must show the stocks on hand next Dec. 31 and the same day last year, with esti-nates of quantities in transit outward by freight and express on the last day of this month.

of this month.

In addition to the survey by mailed schedules, intensive surveys will be made by agents in 43 typical counties in various parts of the country in order that the figures obtained by mail may be checked. Estimates of stocks of foodstuffs on farms will be made by the bureau of crop estimates. investigations of war operations will resume full swing tomorrow after a short Christmas recess, although con-

mates gress itself does not reconvene until In the war inquiry of the senate mil-ltary committee, Major General Sharpe, quartermaster-general, tomorrow will resume his testimony regarding cloth-ing; and other amount of the mation's food resources, and is considered as in the complete survey." said a state-ment by the bureau of markets today. "will yield the most accurate informa-tion ever collected in regard to the extent of the nation's food resources, "The complete survey," said a state gratulate you on your appointment as resume his testimony regarding cloth- and is considered an important step in the extend to you greetings of the sanitation transportation and cana safe footing as far as the food sup ply is concerned." tonment questions. Three cantonment commanders who recently returned from abroad may follow General Sharpe, whose further examination is

HOLDUPS IN CLEVELAND

KEEP POLICE ON MOVE week. Secretary Baker, who may make a definite statement of mili-Chase in Downtown Streets.

be begun tomorrow by the senate man-uracturers' committee, postponing un-til Friday its further inquiry into the ed after a long chase in the downtown

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Have Sold \$12,500,500 Worth of Savings
Certificates, \$600,000 Thrift Stamps.

New York, Dec. 25.—Federal reserve banks throughout the country have sold \$12,500,000 worth of war savings Certificates and \$600,000 worth of thrift.

Members of the shipping board and specificates and \$600,000 worth of thrift. Members of the shipping board and tofficers of the Emergency Fleet Corporation will be further examined tomorrow afternoon in the shipbuilding inquiry of the senate commerce committee, which hopes to complete its work hefore convress reassembles.

work before congress reassembles.

Plans for the railroad inquiry of thugs had invaded his territory. sale of thrift stamps New York is the senate interstate commerce committee are unsettled, owing to the suddent of clay 926 795 have been distingted while Cleveland den death of Chairman Newlands and fighting, slugging and gun play were reported to the nospectacular, were reported to the po

TWO AVIATORS WERE

BURNED TO DEATH Landing the Gasoline Tank Was Torn Open and Ignited by a Spark.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 25.—Second Lieutenant Reinbooth of Bury, Saint Edmund, England, and Cadet Manson, a Canadian who had been bere about two months training at Camp Taliaferro, were the two avi-British Army Headquarters in France, Dec. 25—(By The Associated Press).—Christmas day was bright and cold on the battle front, but there were no demonstrative celebrations. Also, there was no fraternizing with the Germans, as happened on the first and even on the second Christmas of the war. The German methods of warfare have wholly destroyed any tendencies of that sort among the Britons.

Investigation proved the men were burned to death after they struck the ground. Officers at Hicks Field said the machine was flying at a height of two hundred feet when it struck a "side slip," and when the machine struck the ground the gasoline tank was torn open and ignited by a spark. The men were stranged in and with graduated from Yale in 1876, being a graduated from Yale in 1876, being a graduated from Yale in 1876, being a

OF THE SACRED COLLEGE

Rome, Monday, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict today received the members of the Sacred College for an exchange of Christmas greetings. In answer to an address delivered by Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, dean of the college. The pope renewed his recommendations for incessant prayers for peace. The holy father expressed hope for a brighter future and rejoiced at the liberation of Jerusalem. Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 25 .- Alton Starker, prominent merchant of this city, his wife, their 11 year old son and Mrs. Mabel Earl of Ann Arbor were instantly killed this afternoon when the automobile in which they were returning from a Christmas celebration was struck by a Michigan Central passenger train.

The accident occurred about eight miles north of here.

### Plan to Disrupt All Social Orders

AND IRISH AGITATORS

SCOPE IS WORLD-WIDE 14

Been Discovered by Are Working in Various Countries at War With Germany-Measures to Suppress them

Washington, Dec. 25,-Evidence has been uncovered by government agents indicating that American Industrial Workers of the World, Russian Bol sheviki, Irish agitators and revolution sts in various countries at war wit Germany may be seeking to lay the foundation of an elaborate world-wide plan to overthrow existing social or

Full Report Not Yet Made. This was admitted today by officials here in connection with news of the discovery of a quantity of rifles, revolvers and ammunition in the Russian freighter Shilka, which has just arrived at a Pacific port, manned by a mutinous Bolsheviki crew. Govern-ment agents suspect that the guns and munitions were intended for the Industrial Workers of the World this country, although it was said a full report on the mysterious cargo has not yet been forwarded by offi-cials at the port of arrival. Only One of Many Cases.

The Shilka incident is only one of many cases leading officials to believe the connection between plotters in several of the allied countries may be more tangible than the indefinite like of moral sympathy. Certain Irish agitators and I. W. W. leaders recently have gone from the United States to Russia, after being in close touch with each other, and reports have been re-ceived that Bolsheviki organizers would come to America before long to spread their doctrine of direct action for communal organization.

No objection will be raised by the government to any agitation which does not interfere with the progress of the war, officials declare. Officials do not intend to use the war exiencies as an excuse for suppressing free speech except insofar as it leads to hampering the government in the fight against the central powers. This basis of judgment, however, is recog-nized as broad, and will permit drastic

action against foreign agents whose conduct directly or indirectly fosters Sarman's war aims Punishment Will Be Swift. Action will be particularly swift, of icials say, when armed resistance to he law is threatened and when other material forces are employed by the agitators. Customs inspection will serve to prevent importation of arms, and the close supervision of crews on incoming and outgo is vessels is ex-pected to make impossible the traffic of communications on a large scale intended to foster revolutionary activity. There still are means of importing money into the United States, but government agents can trace remit-tances and keep a watchful eye on suspicious expenditures. Exports of money are governed so strictly by the government that officials are certain that the chance of American financing revolutions in other countries

slight. Although prosecution of I. W. W. leaders recently has been vigorous, of-ficials have evidence which they claim shows that the menace of this organzation, believed to be supported large y by German money, remains strong Further action against the agitators is forecast. This will be hastened if it is found that the band is working with Russian Bolsheviki leaders bring about a permature peace in many's interests or to hamper Amer

ca at home. Not to Interfere With Russia Extreme care is being taken by this government to avoid antagonizing the Bolsheviki movement in Russia despite the international irritations it has caused. American officials do not care to appear to resist the development of democratic ideals even if it assumes the form of extreme and chaotic socialism reported in Russia under the new regime. In line with this policy, it is explained, prepara-tions for dealing with the encroachment of Bolshevikism on America not for political reasons, but only to insure material safety and to promote moral unity of this nation in the war.

OBITUARY

Miss Martha Mays.

New York, Dec. 25 .- Miss Martha time he was assassinated, was found dead in bed today at the home in this city of Mrs. Joseph Stanley Brown, who was Mollie Garfield, a daughter of the martyr president Miss Mays was a holiday guest in the Brown home. A physician pronounced her death due to heart trouble. Miss Mays was more than 70 years of age and was born in England. She taught school in Ohio before entering the employ of the Garfield family. She had lived for several years near Essen

Dr. Everett J. McKnight. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 25.—Dr. Everett J. McKnight, former president of the Connecticut Medical Associa-

"side slip," and when the machine struck the ground the gasoline tank was torn open and ignited by a spark. The men were strapped in and with their machine and clothing afire were unable to remove the straps.

FAMILY OF THREE KILLED

IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Alton R. Starker, Wife and Son of Saginaw, Mich.

Dr. McKnight was 62 years old and was born in Ellington, where he received his early education, later being graduated from Yale in 1876, being a classmate of Dr. Arthur T. Hadley, now president of the university. While in college he was instrumental in arranging the first Yale-Harvard football game and later was treasurer of the football association. After his graduation he studied a year in the Yale Divinity school and then went to the College of Physicians and Surgeans in New York, taking his degree to the College of Physicians and Surgeans in New York, taking his degree there in 1879. Since then he has practiced in East Hartford and Hartford. In 1893 he represented East Hartford in the legislature. During his career he had been president of the Hartford Medical Society, a Fellow of the New York College of Surgeons and identified with numerous other similar bodies. He was given the honorary degree of Master of Arts by Yale in 1907.

# Train Wrecked by Broken Rail

BY I. W. W., RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI ON SHEPAUG BRANCH OF NEW HAVEN ROAD

PERSONS INJURED

Coach Rolled Down an Embankment -First Serious Wreck on the Line Which Runs From Litchfield to Danbury, Since It Was Built Forty Years

Roxbury, Conn., Dec. 25.-Fourteen persons on the morning train from Litchfield to Danbury over the She-powy branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad were injured but none was killed today Haven and Hartford railroad were injured but none was killed today when a broken rail wrecked the train two miles south of here. Seven of those hurt were injured seriously enough to require hospital treatment to Danbury for and they were sent to Danbury for

Coach Rolled Down Embankment. The train was No. 1501, leaving Litchfield at 8.10 and passing Rox-bury station at 9.04. It consisted of a combination smoker and baggage car and a coach. The engine passed over the defective rail which apparently broke under the combination car, derailing it. The coach rolled down the embankment although the combination car remained 'upright. Those who were hurt were in the car that was ditched. Assistance was ob tained from Roxbury, Washington and Danbury, including doctors and of the accident on a train quickly made up. From Danbury were sent five doctors headed by Dr. Chester Brown, medical aide to Governor Hol-

comb in draft work.

This wreck is said to be the first serious one which has occurred on the line since it was built about forty years ago and came at the foot of a sharp grade where the rail was de-fective. After leaving the rails the cars bumped along the ties for a short distance and then the rear coach switched and took its plunge, The 25 or 30 persons inside were piled in a jumbled mass as it came to a stop on its side. Many of the passengers were cut by splintered window glass. Some were tossed against the car further and severely bruised Against niture and severely bruised. Against the ceiling a large Christmas mince pie was smashed and packages of gifts were strewn about the floor of the

The following persons were taken of the Danbury hospital: Mrs. Margaret Palmetler, Washing-on, Conn., Injured shoulder. on. Conn., injured shoulder. Miss Elizabeth Preston, Roxbury, Mrs. Minnie Anderson, Roxbury scalp wound. Jacob Preutle, Bridgewater, dislocate

Frank Heath, Washington, bruises and shock, Mrs. Martha Marcy, wife of Dr. R. A. Marcy, Litchfield, scalp wounds Affred Morgan, Danbury, scalp

Others Who Were Injured. The others who were injured but not taken to a hospital were: W. B. Smith, New Haven, wound scalp and injury to hand, Mrs. Julian Colton, Brooklyn, N. Y. head hurt.

None of these is seriously hurt.

G. Palmetier, Washington, shoulder injured.
Miss Alice Gate, Washington, head Richard Iyes, Litchfield, conductor

of train, side and shoulder injured.
George Elkins, Litchfield, trainman, injury to back and head.
W. B. Smith, although injured and bleeding severely, gave muc hald to the trainmen in assisting injured pas-sengers and in getting them out of the overturned coach.

GERMAN ATROCITIES AGAINST U. S. SOLDIERS Sentry's Throat Cut After He Been Captured.

With the American Army in France Dec. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)

—German atrocities against American soldiers are officially reported. Ar American sentry has been found with his throat cut, and, it is officially declared, "he must have been so killed Information concerning German

savagery has reached the troops in one of the series of bulletins read to them by the unit commanders and posted on the bulletin boards. Here is what they "After a raid by the Germans on trenches held by American troops, a lone sentry of infantry was found with

had been surprised by an overwhelm-ing force of Germans nd must have been so killed after capture.

"Such brutality is familiar to old soldiers who served against savages in the Philipping campaign." his throat cut from ear to ear. the Philippine campaign." Another bulletin tells the men how the Germans in occupied sections of France and Belgium are turning women and children out of their homes into the snow, the buildings being ther given over to soldiers, horses and ma-

GERMANS WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM RUSSIA. Trotzky Has Called the Attention of the Peace Delegates to the Fact.

Petrograd, Monday, Dec. 24.-Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief of the army, reported to the Bolsheviki head-quarters that the Germans were transferring troops in very large numbers and as quickly as possible to the western front against the allies and also to the southwestern Russian front.

Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, has called the attention of the peace delegation to this fact. the peace delegation to this fact. A special despatch from Brest Litovsk announces the Germans were no ready yesterday to reply to the Rus sian peace terms and consequently the meeting of the peace delegates was postponed until Monday atternoon. It is reported that the refusal of Germany to issue passports to the German socialists Haase, Ledebour and Kautsky, who desire to go to Stockholm to acquaint themselves with Stockholm to acquaint themselves with the Russian revolutionary conditions, has produced in Russia an impression

#### Condensed Telegrams

Bulletin

Thirty-six Cleveland business houses yield to observe "lightless Sunday." Dr. Levi P. Gilbert, editor and min-

Switzerland will issue in January a new loan of 150,'000,000 francs at 5

America's balance of trade approxi-mated \$3,000,000,000 at the close o

Representative E. R. Bathrick of the Ohio district, died at his

Akron, O. The fuel situation in Boston was improved by the arrival of several coal steamers and baryes.

General Goethals will continue

serve New Jersey as state engineer in an advisory capacity. The union employes of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company will take a strike vote on Friday night.

Leverett. Wilson Spring, professo meritus of English literature at Willms College, died at Boston.

thorized by the Trading with the Enemy law, now is in full force. The government's shipbuilding programme on December 1 was 18.2 per cent. on its way to completion.

During the eleven months ended with November gold imports amounted \$35,000,000 and exports \$367,000,000.

years superintendent of the Jersey Zinc company's plant died at Bethlehem, Presdent Wilson has summoned the our brotherhoods' conference at the

White House Thursday A plan for reducing pro-rata con-sumption of coal by industries non-es-sential to to war has been devised by

he Federal authorities. Convict labor is to be used in Vir-Virginia to aid in the fuel administra-tion's plan to popularize the burning

of wood in place of coal. Robert Keirstead, arrested at Ahhi-dalf, N. B., on a charge of wife murder, escaped while being taken to Gagstown jail by a a constable.

Mrs. J. L. Whitman and her six-children, ranging in age from three to thirteen years, were burned to death in their home near Greenwood, S. C.

An outbreak of measles among me bers of the Depot brigade at Camp Devens caused a cancellation of Christ-mas leave granted to a number of sol-

The town hall in West Boylston, Mass., was destroyed early yesterday by a fire of unknown origin, with a oss of \$30,000 partly covered by in-Massachusetts liquor firms and agencies which have been sending li-

o Maine through the mail will be Silver imports during the eleven months amounted to \$7 000 000 against \$29,000,000 a year ago and the exports were valued at \$74,000,00 in 1917 and

Msr. Carl M. Nielson was probably fatallys burned when candles on a Christmas tree fired her Santa Claus disguise while distributing presents to her family of children at Moorhead,

Medical Directors George H. Barber and Edward R. Stitt of the navy will be promoted from the rank of captain to rear admirals as soon as Congress re assembles, in recognition of distinguished services.

Two commissioned officers and two sergeants of the American forces in France were badly hurt tonight in an automobile accident. A high power-ed motor of the aviation section left the road and plunged over an embank-ment turning turtle and pinning them

LATEST RETURNS FROM

THE RED CROSS DRIVE. Total Enrollment Will Be in Excess of the 13,000,000 Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Further re-turns today from the Red Cross Christmas membership drive indicated, officials at headquarters here said, that the total enrollment would be even in excess of the 13,000,000 forecast last night. The object was to cast last night. The object was to enroll ten million new members.

Messages received during the day included one from the New England division manager that 240,000 members had been enrolled and that the campaign would be continued the remainder of the week.

The Rocky mountain

Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico, with a quota of 181,000, reported 240,000 members enrolled, with returns incomplete.

Almost complete reports from North
Dakota and South Dakota indicate
that the northern division, including those states and Minnesota and Montana, will pass its quota. North Dakota, with a quota of 62,000, has enceiled 80,207 members, and South Dakota has exceeded its 50,000 by 12,000. With 200 out of 430 chapters not reported and with several of the larger cities yet to be heard from, the southern division, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, has enrolled 243,000. Its quota is 438,000, but the managers are confident hose states and Minnesota and Monbut the managers are confident this figure will be reached

WORTHY PROJECT OF NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY.

To Care for Families of Men of Navy Who Lose Their Lives.

New York, Dec. 25.—Three hundred women to assist in caring for the fam-iles of officers and enlisted men of the navy and marine corps who lose their lives during the war are to be their lives during the war are to be appointed to act for the Navy Relief society in the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Vermont, Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commandant of the Third naval reserve district, announced tonight.

In these states there are nearly 35,-000 families with sons, brothers or fathers in the navy, it was stated.

## Hoover Explains Sugar Shortage

STATEMENT SMADE PUBLIC BY THE WHITE HOUSE

REPLIES TO SPRECKELS

Declares Shortage Will Continue During Next Year, Because Allies Must be Provided for-Senate Committee Had Refused to Allow Hoover to Ex-

Washington, Dec. 25.-Food Adminstrator Hoover's statement on the ugar situation, which he tried unsucssfully to get before the senate committee investigating the sugar short-age, was made public tonight by the White House. It attributes the shortage here to the heavy movement of

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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR 300 SOLDIERS FROM THE WEST Were Entertained by Rocky

Mountain Club of New York. New York, Dec. 25.—Three hun-dred soldiers from the west were the guests of honor at a Christmas din-ner and entertainment given by the Rocky Mountain club of this city today. Sailors from French men of war and Canadian and Serbian sol-diers were also included among the guests. Smoking and trench shaving kits were presented to the men. A unique feature of the entertain-

A unique feature of the entertainment came when the electric lights in the dining hall were switched out and the soldiers, with pencils attached to their electric shaving bulbs, wrote messages of cheer to President Wilson in the light flashed by the myriad bulbs. The messages will be mailed to the president. The following message from Governor Moses Alexander Moses of Idaho was read:

"Greetings and a merry Christmas. Enjoy your turkey. Swear eternal vengeance against the real Turkey of Europe, the atrocious ally of the kalser.

Europe, the atrocious ally of the kalser. Pluck their feathers and power so that upon your return from abroad there will be nothing left of those barbarians but the remembrance that we licked them hard and good."

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT THE STATE PRISON Were Entertained by Ten Vaudeville Acts.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 25.—The 620 nmates of the Connecticut state prison, including the women prisoners, amon gthem Mrs. Archer Gilligan, con-victed of murder and sentenced to death, attended a Christmas entertainment and dinner today given by War-den Ward A. Garner, who is to leave the institution January 1 because of ill health. Ten vandeville acts from the Vandeville Association of New York, among them being two or three of the best acts obtainable, were presented and an orchestra of ten pieces from a local theatre furnished the ma-

At the close of the show the most remarkable demonstration ever seen in the prison took place. Several pris-oners wept and a few actually knot and poured out their thanks for being allowed such a privilege. This is the first time a big vaudeville show has been given in the state prison here and the first time women have been allowed to see anything of the kind in the prison. An unusually sumptuous Christmas dinner, with roast pork as the chief item, was served.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

FROM GEN. PERSHING Gives Renewed Pledges of Devotion to the Cause of Democracy.

Washington, Dec. 25.— Renewed pledges of devotion to the cause of democracy from all ranks of the American expeditionary forces in France were given in a Christmas message from General Pershing to the chief of staff of the army. The cablegram, staff of the army. The cablegram, made public tonight by the war department said:

"Please extend to the president and the secretary of war holiday greetings and best wishes for success of our arms during the coming year and convey to them, from all ranks of the Amer-ican expeditionary forces in France, renewed pledges of devotion to our acred cause.
"Likewise express our greetings to our comrides at home, coupled with full confidence in the patriotism, courage and devotion to the flag,"

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE FIGHTING MEXICAN BANDITS Who Had Hanged Michey Welch, a United States Mail Carrier.

Valentine, Tex., Dec. 25.—Men who brought the body of Michey Welch, a United States mail carrier, who was hanged by Mexican bandits at Cande hanged by Mexican bandits at Cande-laria, Tex., early today, reported that American troops and the rear guard of the Mexican bandits were fighting tonight in the vicinity of Candelaria. The men, who arrived in an auto-mobile from the river front at Can-delaria, also reported that the two American-Mexicans who were riding with Welch in the mail stage were with weich in the man stage were killed. They had been reported miss-ing all day. An American employed in the L. C. Drite store, which was looted at Candelaria by the bandits, was shot but will recover, they said.

CONNECTICUT EXCEEDS RED CROSS ALLOTMENT. Many Chapters Will Continue the

Campaign This Week. New York, Dec. 25 .- Total enrollment of the Atlantic division of the Red Cross is now 2,580,000, according to

evised figures made public here day.

Many of the chapters in the division, which embraces New York,
New Jersey and Connecticut, will continue the campaign throughout the present week, it was stated. Connecticut has "gone over the top," the committee announced, while New Jersey is less than 6,000 behind its allotment. The figures follow: New York city and state, '1,660,000; Connecticut, \$50,000; New Jersey, 580,000.